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Via ECF

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan
United States District Court Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St.
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: *United States v. Samuels, et al.*, 21 Cr. 424 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan,

We represent Jamel Williams in the above-referenced matter. The Court has scheduled oral argument in connection with the pretrial motions filed by co-defendants Darrin Samuels and Danzel Mackins for June 7, 2023. Mr. Williams did not file any pretrial motions. Therefore, unless the Court requires his presence, we would waive Mr. Williams' presence and ask that the Court not require counsel's appearance. Counsel may observe the oral arguments, but if the Court grants the undersigned's request, we do not intend to appear on the record on June 7, 2023.

Accordingly, we waive Mr. Williams's appearance and respectfully request that the Court excuse the undersigned from the scheduled June 7, 2023 oral argument.

Respectfully submitted,

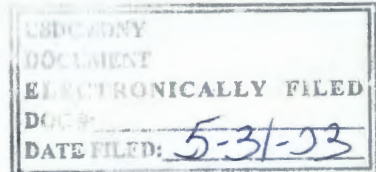
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cc: All Parties (*via ECF*)

SO ORDERED

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, USDJ



Granted

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